



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:)
Keiichi SUGIMOTO) Atty. Docket No.: **IKEDA0034**
Serial No. 09/964,655)
Filed: September 28, 2001) Group Art Unit: 2614
For: IMAGE BINARIZATION METHOD)
AND BINARY IMAGE CREATION) Examiner: TRAN, Trang U.
METHOD) Date: **January 19, 2005**

AMENDMENT (B)

BOX:

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance dated October 22, 2004, Applicant has filed a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and submits this amendment in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c). Therefore, kindly amend the above-captioned application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.